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Quarterly Market Report

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LOUISIANA TIMBER CUTTINGS

| | Sawtimber (Board Feet) | Pulpwood (Cords) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Five Year Average (1978-82) | 1,120,681,756 | 3,671,531 |
| 1981, Total | 1,045,627,768 | 3,701,425 |
| 1982, Total | 865,107,491 | 3,703,467 |
| First Quarter, 1982 | 175,827,846 | 924,546 |
| First Quarter, 1983 | Not Available | Not Available |

 The figures for sawtimber and pulpwood cut in Louisiana for the

first quarter of 1983 are not available. We are in the process of making a few changes in this area because our source of information has changed to reporting all sawtimber and pulpwood in tons instead of board feet and cords respectively. If we wait to receive this cutting information the timber report will be delayed approximately three (3) months. We feel this delay is too long and we are considering dropping this section of the report. The other alternative would be to report the first quarter cuttings in the second quarter report. We would appreciate your response in helping us to make an accurate decision.

MARKET SUMMARY, FIRST QUARTER, 1983

Stumpage prices paid for pine sawtimber during the first quarter of 1983 averaged \$148.47 per thousand board feet. This price represents an increase of 1 percent from the previous quarter and is 1 percent lower than the state average of a year ago. Prices paid for hardwoods were 2 percent higher than the fourth quarter of 1982, averaging \$52.11.

Pulpwood stumpage prices averaged \$14.04 and \$4.65 for pine and hardwood respectively.

Wood Chips averaged \$20.35 per ton for pine and \$13.41 for hardwood F.O.B. Sawmill.

During the first quarter of 1983, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported. 1/

| Specie | SAWLOGS | | PULPWOOD | |
|-----------|---------|---------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | MBF 2/ | Ave. Price Dollars/MBF | Cords | Ave. Price Dollars/Cord |
| Pine | 23,921 | 160.44 | 27,339 | 34.69 |
| Mx. Hdwd. | 427 | 34.07 | 3,056 | 3.99 |

1/ Does not include salvage and optional sales.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES,
JANUARY-MARCH, 1983 WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from the following reported prices

STATE AVERAGE

| | | Area 1 | Area 2 | Area 3 | Area 4 | Area 5 | Jan.- | Previous | Same |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) Sawtimber (Stumpage) | | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | March | Quarter | Year Ago |
| | M.Bd.Ft. | | | | | | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | (Dollars) |
| Pine | " | 154.82 | 143.35 | 157.00 | 154.17 | 133.00 | 148.47 | 145.78 | 149.43 |
| Cypress | " | 1/ | 1/ | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 86.67 | 54.99 | 55.00 |
| Oaks | " | 83.75 | 71.25 | 57.50 | 2/ | 67.50 | 70.00 | 49.84 | 60.17 |
| Gums | " | 95.00 | 65.00 | 1/ | 2/ | 67.50 | 73.13 | 50.28 | 54.21 |
| Willow | " | 1/ | 1/ | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 61.67 | 46.67 | 41.88 |
| Ash | " | 110.00 | 120.00 | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 100.00 | 75.00 | 65.79 |
| Cottonwood | " | 1/ | 1/ | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 65.00 | 53.33 | 48.13 |
| Mixed Hardwoods" | | 66.31 | 55.85 | 32.13 | 73.75 | 32.50 | 52.11 | 51.14 | 56.00 |

(B) Sawtimber (Delivered)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Pine | M. Bd. Ft. | 222.84 | 216.25 | 229.09 | 204.17 | 222.50 | 218.97 | 209.81 | 207.12 |
| Cypress | " | 2/ | 145.00 | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 146.67 | 135.00 | 145.52 |
| Oaks | " | 148.75 | 153.00 | 142.50 | 1/ | 157.50 | 150.44 | 129.45 | 138.78 |
| Gums | " | 152.50 | 128.33 | 1/ | 1/ | 145.00 | 141.46 | 126.18 | 133.83 |
| Willow | " | 1/ | 122.50 | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 106.25 | 115.00 | 124.69 |
| Ash | " | 1/ | 190.00 | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 170.00 | 163.00 | 147.19 |
| Cottonwood | " | 1/ | 127.50 | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 109.00 | 119.99 | 125.63 |
| Mixed Hardwoods" | | 140.00 | 131.67 | 1/ | 142.50 | 115.00 | 133.83 | 121.93 | 128.59 |

STATE AVERAGE

| | Area 1 | Area 2 | Area 3 | Area 4 | Area 5 | Jan.- | Previous | Same |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Pulpwood, Per Cord: | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | March | Quarter | Year Ago |
| | | | | | | (Dollars) | (Dollars) | (Dollars) |
| Pine, Stumpage | 15.38 | 16.30 | 15.50 | 9.50 | 13.50 | 14.04 | 14.56 | 13.93 |
| Pine, F.O.B. Car | 48.61 | 42.50 | 51.41 | 39.25 | 44.58 | 45.27 | 47.08 | 48.34 |
| Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage | 4.61 | 4.88 | 4.46 | 4.13 | 5.17 | 4.65 | 4.69 | 4.51 |
| Hardwood, Mixed F.O.B. Car | 36.69 | 30.00 | 38.92 | 32.58 | 34.25 | 34.49 | 35.68 | 36.51 |

1/ - Insufficient number of quotes to report on area basis, but included in Statewide average.

2/ - None Reported.

NOTE: The Doyle Log Scale is basis for board feed measurement.

PRICES INCLUDE PRODUCTION COSTS.

STATE AVERAGES

| | Jan.- March <u>1/</u> | Previous Quarter | <u>1st Quarter</u> 1983 |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 30-Ft. Class 5 | 14.74 | 13.63 | 14.55 |
| " Class 6 | 12.26 | 11.89 | 13.34 |
| " Class 7 | 11.00 | 9.47 | 9.45 |
| 35-Ft. Class 5 | 20.43 | 20.52 | 20.55 |
| " Class 6 | 16.30 | 16.33 | 16.20 |
| " Class 7 | 14.75 | 15.75 | 12.57 |
| 40-Ft. Class 2 | 44.00 | 32.25 | 36.39 |
| " Class 3 | 34.73 | 31.39 | 34.89 |
| " Class 4 | 30.38 | 27.21 | 29.89 |
| " Class 5 | 26.64 | 26.67 | 25.42 |
| " Class 6 | 20.72 | 21.28 | 20.41 |
| 45-Ft. Class 2 | 49.63 | 41.22 | 46.83 |
| " Class 3 | 43.08 | 37.14 | 41.07 |
| " Class 4 | 35.05 | 31.30 | 34.79 |
| " Class 5 | 34.63 | 30.31 | 30.16 |
| 50-Ft. Class 2 | 62.18 | 53.58 | 58.70 |
| " Class 3 | 54.83 | 45.60 | 49.82 |
| " Class 4 | 48.02 | 40.03 | 45.15 |
| 55-Ft. Class 2 | 71.33 | 61.57 | 73.28 |
| " Class 3 | 64.10 | 53.37 | 63.40 |
| " Class 4 | 51.63 | 41.00 | 48.63 |
| 60-Ft. Class 2 | 77.30 | 70.11 | 86.19 |
| " Class 3 | 76.50 | 63.08 | 76.71 |
| 65-Ft. Class 2 | 85.03 | 89.65 | 113.67 |
| " Class 3 | 76.43 | 80.55 | 101.52 |
| 70-Ft. Class 2 | 104.50 | 108.00 | 133.55 |
| " Class 3 | 95.40 | 98.27 | 121.45 |
| 75-Ft. Class 2 | 126.15 | 128.77 | 162.68 |
| " Class 3 | 116.43 | 118.67 | 148.05 |

1/ The statewide average for this quarter (1st quarter 1983) reflects areas 1, 3, & 5. No data was reported for areas 2 and 4.

2/ Insufficient number of quotes to report.

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the timber industry for their cooperation in supplying the information that made this summary possible.



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